In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A transaction voucher management method in a computer relaying transaction voucher data to be transmitted between business applications through a network, comprising:

a first step in which the computer receives the transaction voucher data transmitted from a business application;

a second step in which, ~~the computer checks the consistency of the received transaction voucher data with regard to a process procedure of a work defined by a plurality of actions performed by transmitting the transaction voucher data including an action corresponding to the received transaction voucher data,~~ based on both definition data defining in advance ~~the process procedure of the work as a sequence of the actions,~~ a process order of each action performed by transmitting the transaction voucher data for each work defined by a plurality of said actions and log data having recorded information related to the transaction voucher data received in the past, the computer checks a consistency of whether an action performed by the received transaction voucher data is performed conforming to said process order of each action;

a third step in which, on deciding there is a consistency by the check performed in the second step, the computer records information related to the received transaction voucher data as the log data, and transmits the transaction voucher data to the business application provided on a destination side; and

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a fourth step in which, on deciding there is an inconsistency by the check performed in the second step, the computer performs error processing.

2.   (Original) The transaction voucher management method according to claim 1,

wherein the consistency check performed in the second step comprises:

a step in which the computer determines a preceding transaction voucher data to have been processed prior to the processing of the received transaction voucher data, based on the definition data; and

a step in which the computer checks whether the information related to the determined preceding transaction voucher data is recorded as the log data.

3.   (Previously Presented) The transaction voucher management method according to either claim 1 or 2,

wherein the information recorded as the log data in the third step includes information for identifying the work performed based on the received transaction voucher data.

4-6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A recording medium recording a program for causing a computer relaying transaction voucher data transmitted between business

applications through a network, to execute processing for transaction voucher management, said management processing comprising:

a first step of receiving the transaction voucher data transmitted from a business application;

a second step ~~in which, of checking the consistency of the received~~ ~~transaction voucher data with regard to a process procedure of a work defined by a~~ ~~plurality of actions performed by transmitting the transaction voucher data including an~~ ~~action corresponding to the received transaction voucher data,~~ based on both definition data defining in advance ~~the process procedure of the work as a sequence of the actions,~~ a process order of each action performed by transmitting the transaction voucher data for each work defined by a plurality of said actions and log data having recorded information related to the transaction voucher data received in the past, the computer checks a consistency of whether an action performed by the received transaction voucher data is performed conforming to said process order of each action;

a third step of recording the information related to the received transaction voucher data as the log data, and transmitting the transaction voucher data to the business application provided on a destination side, on deciding that there is a consistency by the check performed in the second step; and

a fourth step of performing error processing, on deciding that there is an inconsistency by the check performed in the second step.

8.   (Original) The recording medium according to claim 7,

wherein the consistency check performed in the second step comprises:

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a step of determining a preceding transaction voucher data to have been processed prior to the processing of the received transaction voucher data, based on the definition data; and

a step of checking whether the information related to the determined preceding transaction voucher data is recorded as the log data.

9.   (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to either claim 7 or 8,

wherein the information recorded as the log data in the third step includes information for identifying the work performed based on the received transaction voucher data.

10.   (Previously Presented) The transaction voucher management method according to claim 1, wherein the definition data defines a present action in the sequence based on a preceding action in the sequence.

11.   (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to either claim 7, wherein the definition data defines a present action in the sequence based on a preceding action in the sequence.